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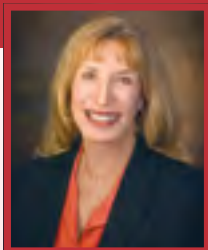
City Clerk Verifies Candidates for City Council Election

Littleton City Clerk Colleen Norton has certified the petitions for nine candidates running for the Littleton City Council on November 2. In November 2020, citizens approved an initiative changing the way the mayor is selected. For the first time in the city's history, citizens will elect the mayor versus the mayor being appointed by the council members. The candidates are:

MAYORAL CANDIDATES



Jon Buck



Carol Fey



Kyle Schlachter

DISTRICT I CANDIDATES



Patrick Driscoll



Candice Ferguson

DISTRICT III CANDIDATES



Stephen Barr



Paul Bingham

AT LARGE CANDIDATES



Krista Kafer



Gretchen Rydin

To watch a video of the candidates, visit littletongov.org/election2021.

Issue 3A Ballot Language

SHALL CITY OF LITTLETON SALES AND USE TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ESTIMATED \$9,773,087 ANNUALLY, OR BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY A 3/4 CENT (FROM 3.0% TO 3.75%) WHICH AMOUNTS TO 75 CENTS ON \$100 IN PURCHASES EXCLUDING THOSE ITEMS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION BY CITY CODE, THAT WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2022 OF BACKLOGGED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: NEIGHBORHOOD STREET MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION, STREET CONGESTION AND IMPROVED CAPACITY PROJECTS, RIGHT-OF-WAY AND MEDIAN MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS, STREET AND BRIDGE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, BUILDING REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROJECTS SUCH AS:

- MAJOR STREET MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION IN NEIGHBORHOODS AND SIGNIFICANT CORRIDORS;
 - MINERAL & SANTA FE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS;
 - DOWNTOWN STREETScape AND PARKING IMPROVEMENTS;
 - PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY REPLACEMENT; AND
 - MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY-OWNED FACILITIES AT THE LITTLETON MUSEUM, BEMIS LIBRARY, THE MUNICIPAL COURTHOUSE AND OTHERS; AND
 - PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS;
 - ENHANCED ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION AND CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENTS
- AND THE CITY SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT THE PROGRESS OF SUCH PROJECTS AND THE EXPENDITURES OF SUCH REVENUES TO THE CITIZENS WITH REVIEW BY A BOARD OR COMMISSION AS APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCIL, AND SHALL THE REVENUES GENERATED BY SUCH SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE CITY AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Council Refers Ballot Issue 3A to Voters Proceeds Dedicated to Capital Improvements

At a special meeting August 26, the Littleton City Council referred a question to voters asking for an increase in the sales tax rate from 3% to 3.75% to fund capital improvement projects. See far right column for the full text of the ballot issue.

This will be a coordinated mail ballot election with Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties. Mailing of ballots is expected to start October 11. More information is available from the county in which voters reside: arapahoevotes.com, jeffco.us/elections, and douglasvotes.com.

The full list of unfunded capital projects is available on the city's website. For more information, visit LittletonFundingFix.org.

ELECTION DATES

Important dates for the General Election:

- October 11 — First day counties will start mailing ballots to all registered electors.
- October 11 — First day 24-hour ballot drop-off locations open.
- October 25 — Last day a voter may request a ballot be sent by mail.
- November 2 — General Election Day polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m., including all drop-off locations.

Ballots may be returned by mail, with postage, and must be received by 7 p.m. on November 2. Drop-off locations are listed by county.

Arts and Culture Commission Progressing

In 2019, the Littleton City Council created the Littleton Arts and Culture Commission (A&CC). Eleven Littleton residents work closely with the Cultural and Media Services Team to plan how to enrich Littleton, both the city and the people, through strengthening the roles of art, culture and tourism city wide. In creating the A&CC, the leadership recognized the power of arts and culture and embedded them into the Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan, and further emphasized their importance by approving Arts, Culture and Tourism as one of city council's eight goals over the next two years.

So far the A&CC has:

- Completed, adopted, and presented to city council its strategic plan, aligning LACC goals with those of the city, complementing and supporting the Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan
- Surveyed local arts organizations to ask what they needed during COVID and how they were managing
- Identified three possible funding sources that could provide support for programs while not diminishing other city needs
- Built a backbone of policy, processes and possibilities and a four-year work plan
- Studied how other communities approached this opportunity to learn and understand what worked and what failed
- Determined that the most important guiding principle was that this is a program that reflect Littleton
- Planning for a mural program in 2022 for downtown buildings
- Researched a percent for public art initiative for capital construction, both public and private
- Put together a Cultural Arts Partners program to connect all cultural arts organizations with one another

Look for opportunities to join in or simply reach out with thoughts, ideas, and questions.

“Bird” Lands in Littleton

Bird, a shared electric scooter company, brought e-scooters to Littleton in August. Riders pay to use the scooter per minute, at no cost to the city. Scooters can be driven throughout Littleton's municipal boundaries, with some exceptions. This partnership with Bird enables users to replace short car trips to or from downtown with a scooter trip, which may help with parking and congestion on Main Street.

The electric scooters can be used on roads and in bike lanes and have a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour, but will be capped at 10 miles per hour when operating in the area around Main Street and Alamo in Downtown Littleton. Users are encouraged to operate scooters as they would a bike, riding in bike lanes or on the street. Users should only use scooters on the sidewalk in the last few hundred feet of their journey and be very cautious around pedestrians. To learn more, visit littletongov.org/escooter.



Downtown Littleton Wayfinding Signs – Get in the Program

The City of Littleton has a comprehensive gateway and downtown wayfinding signage plan to distinguish the area, call attention to points of interest, and help increase circulation in the downtown district. The design of the signs pay homage to Littleton's history, highlight its brand, adds modern flair, and are lighted to create visibility at night. The side street signs point the way to merchants, restaurants, and service providers.

Retail stores, restaurants, entertainment or arts facilities, or service businesses are eligible for placement on the city-owned street signs. Businesses can apply for placement and applications will be evaluated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each sign can list up to six businesses (four retail and two services), with the business name featured on both sides of the sign.

To apply for a side street sign, visit littletongov.org. For questions or additional information, contact the program coordinator at ednb@littletongov.org.



2021 Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Project

This year's sewer interceptor rehabilitation project will line the inside of nearly 500 linear feet of 30- inch, and 1,800 linear feet of 24-inch diameter sewer pipe, all located under Santa Fe Drive between Prince Street and College Drive, and also a segment in front of Hudson Gardens. These segments of pipe are fractured and in some places broken. Rehabilitation is necessary to avoid future issues with sewer flow and possible collapse of the overlying roadway. This will involve bypassing the sewage flow into a parallel sewer owned by Southwest Metro Water and Sanitation District, pre-cleaning the pipes, and inserting a liner into the pipe that is then inflated and cured with steam. The liner hardens to form a pipe within a pipe and restores structural integrity of the sewer. The work will be completed by Insituform Technologies and expected to last for a few weeks.

Lane closures on Santa Fe Drive will occur at night. This will minimize disruptions to businesses and local traffic. All adjacent businesses will be notified by the contractor, and a CDOT permit will be in place. The work requires large trucks to be parked at either end of a segment of pipe within the travel lanes of Santa Fe Drive. Steam will be emitted from either end of the pipe segment during the cure of the pipe liner which may last for several hours.

This is one phase of a multi-year project that extends from the wastewater treatment plant to the interceptor's south end near Lee Gulch/Santa Fe Drive. Rehabilitation projects have already occurred in most of the northern segments, starting in 2008. Projects are implemented each year and prioritized by risk of failure or collapse. The interceptor varies in size from 24 inches to 72 inches in diameter.

For questions call 303-795-3836 or email pwcr@littletongov.org.



Littleton Recognized for Budget Presentation

The City of Littleton's finance team was awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2021 budget. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) created the award in 1984. The award recognizes state and local governments who prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting.

New Crosswalk at Federal Avenue and Berry

The City of Littleton installed a crosswalk at Federal and Berry with grant money from Safe Routes to School. Check out this video at www.saferoutesinfo.org or scan the QR code to learn more.



Littles Creek Drainage Project at Gallup and Peakview Intersection

The Littles Creek drainage project at the intersection of South Gallup Street and West Peakview Avenue is one of the last of a series of projects along the creek. These projects were planned several years ago to increase the flood capacity of the channel and improve local street drainage.

Much of the residential development along Littles Creek pre-dated the determination of the creek’s floodplain limits, as well as the understanding of impacts of drainage basin development that exists today. Littles Creek was left as a small “ditch” along Sterne Parkway as the surrounding neighborhoods were built, with small culverts at the roadway crossings. As a result, there had been frequent flooding of the channel and at roadways.

The city partnered with Mile High Flood District to retrofit the channel and culverts to lessen the extent and frequency of flooding on roads and adjacent properties. As a result, future flood events will be better controlled. Very rare floods such as a one-percent annual chance flood (often called the 100-year flood), could still cause some flooding.

The project at Gallup and Peakview will keep rainwater under the roadway for most rainstorms, decreasing the depth and frequency of roadway flooding in larger storms while increasing safety for the traveling public and adjacent properties. Additional inlets and larger storm sewer pipe direct drainage into the creek. The sidewalks have been reconfigured to provide traffic calming at the intersection that includes the Angeline Little Greenway Trail as well as school walking and bus routes.

While the construction lasted longer than scheduled due to unexpected delays associated with summer storms and the relocation of various utilities, the project is nearly complete and the roadway is again open. Thanks to the many residents and motorists in the area for their patience during this important project.



2022 Budget Cautious and Conservative

The City of Littleton Leadership Team has been working on the 2022 Proposed Budget since early summer. Departmental discussions were held in July with an all-day budget workshop with city council and staff on September 11.

The 2022 Proposed Budget proved to be more challenging than usual. The pandemic required the city to react quickly and strategically to address loss of revenues in 2020 and early 2021 while continuing to serve the community and attract and retain well-qualified employees. Immediate measures were taken to mitigate the potential loss of revenues in 2020 by enacting one-time reductions totaling about \$2.1 million.

The city is experiencing a restoration of revenues in mid 2021. Through June of this year, General Fund revenues were higher by 10.6 percent and expenditures were lower by 2.2 percent from the prior year. The staff and council are looking strategically to add back some services that were reduced during the 2021 budget.

The council considered 20 policy questions including a digital media technician and software licensing for the Littleton Police Department to facilitate a body-worn camera program to be in place by July 2023 as required by state law. Funding for four open space projects was considered: replacement of the Harlow Park playground and equipment, replacement of both pavilions at Sterne Park, improvements to TrailMark Park, and a site plan for Jackass Hill Park improvements. A grounds and landscaping assessment and maintenance master plan is recommended by staff as well as four new utility technicians funded from the sewer and stormwater utility fund and capital projects funds, and an increase in funding for Neighborhood Partnership Grants. Funding for the Littleton Immigrant Resource Center may sunset at the end of 2022. This program was initially funded by grants more than a decade ago and grants are no longer available to support it.

The long-term financial sustainability of the city continues to require deferring many operating and capital requests. The 2022 proposed budget further continues the council and community conversation as to the level of investment to make in infrastructure not just in 2022, but more importantly in the years that follow. A substantial investment is necessary to maintain the value of community assets. Potential funding sources for local grant matches have been identified, but the city is lacking resources to fully meet grant-matching obligations through 2026. It will be essential for the city to establish priorities within the General Fund and confirm the resources are assigned appropriately to manage the critical services citizens have come to expect.

The final budget will be considered by council October 5 for first reading, and October 19 for a public hearing and second reading. Citizens are invited to attend the public hearing to provide feedback to council. The Proposed 2022 Budget is available at littletongov.org/budget.

During 2022, staff will continue to monitor and assess the economy. Should the economy prove to be more favorable than anticipated, staff will be poised to bring forward a supplemental appropriation to address service levels.

ULUC Final Steps

After four years of community input and hard work, the City of Littleton is taking the final steps to consider the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC).

It has been decades since the land use and zoning codes have been holistically updated, with the last update occurring in 1976. The ULUC will introduce a new structure and adopt a methodology for land use and zoning that is clear, simple, and focuses on quality. The ULUC will articulate what the city wants instead of what is prohibited. This new structure will allow Littleton to take a more active approach to absorb new practices and procedures and ensure the city has a land use and zoning code to carry Littleton forward for the next decades.

The ULUC has been reviewed by the Historical Preservation Board and Planning Commission. Both recommendations and any amendments or considerations have been combined for city council’s consideration during its public hearing scheduled for October 19. Residents, property owners, businesses, and other stakeholders are invited to offer comments during the public hearing.

Participate in the final step of the ULUC by attending in person or watching on Channel 8 or YouTube. Project information and updates are available at EnvisionLittleton.org.



Downtown Noise Ordinance Public Hearing October 5

The Littleton City Council will consider an ordinance on second reading and public hearing October 5 to make the city’s temporary noise ordinance in Downtown Littleton permanent.

Over the spring and summer, staff measured sound levels and worked with businesses and residents along Main Street to gather feedback on the temporary change. The adjustments allowed some higher noise levels on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday between noon and 10 p.m. During this time, no complaints were received. Staff recommended council approve an ordinance to allow the increased decibel levels beyond the temporary noise ordinance for Friday and Saturday between noon and 10 p.m. for businesses and restaurants within the Main Street Historic District.

To provide a comment contact Code Enforcement at code_enforcement@littletongov.org, or call 303-795-3748. The October 5 council meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and public input is welcome.

Senior Property Tax Refund

The last date to turn in the application for the Senior Property Tax Refund is October 31, 2021. To request an application or for other questions call 303-795-3764.

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The Boot is Back!

On August 13, the 93rd Western Welcome Week (WWW) returned to Littleton to celebrate being “Together Again.” This year, the city partnered with WWW for a toe-tappin’ Little Jam opening night concert and WWW’s popular fireworks show in Sterne Park.

After a week of more than 40 events benefitting dozens of local civic and charitable organizations, the Western Welcome Week Grand Parade marched down Littleton Boulevard and into Historic Downtown Littleton on August 21, to the delight of thousands of parade lovers young and old.

Western Welcome Week has been held in Littleton every year since 1928. Even during the pandemic, WWW was able to hold two events - the Pancake Breakfast and the Bradford Duck Race.

WWW relies on support through ticket sales, vendor fees, event entry fees, private donations, and individual and corporate sponsorships. The 94th Western Welcome Week will be held August 12-21, 2022.

New Historic Littleton Inc. Website



Historic Littleton Inc. has a new website at hlinc.org dedicated to Littleton’s historic resources. This group of volunteers advocates for the protection of Littleton’s cultural heritage by educating about historic preservation through programs and tours, advocating for historic preservation projects, influencing public policy on preservation issues, and combining resources with other historic organizations for more effective advocacy.

The Historic Sites pages provide an overview of all of Littleton’s landmarks, pre- and post-1900 residential and commercial historic structures, and an overview and descriptions of the city’s Mid-Century Modern commercial structures on Littleton Boulevard. There are many links to the City of Littleton preservation pages on the history of the individual properties. The goal of the website is to provide another venue for the public to explore the great history and preservation resources provided on the City of Littleton’s website.

Wood Burning

Littleton city code prohibits most wood burning on high pollution days. The code provides for certain exemptions with the Colorado Phase III (EPA Phase II) stoves. For recorded information on air quality, call the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at 303-758-4848. For complaints and general questions, call 303-692-3280. For other questions or concerns call Littleton Code Enforcement at 303-795-3831.

Snow Removal

Littleton city code requires owners or occupants of properties, including vacant lots, to remove snow and ice from adjoining sidewalks within 24 hours after every snowfall. To report violations, call Littleton Code Enforcement at 303-795-3708 or 303-795-3831.

Littleton Building Division Here to Help

The City of Littleton Building Division team strives to provide residents and businesses with the most efficient and professional customer service possible. Providing feedback about any recent experience with the city’s building permitting and inspection processes is very valuable in this ongoing process to enhance procedures and provide the most pleasant and productive experience possible for Littleton’s customers. Comments and suggestions concerning how the city can improve are always welcome. Visit www.littletongov.org/building-development/building-inspections to take a customer survey. Feedback can also be emailed to permits@littletongov.org or jschumacher@littletongov.org.

Permit and Inspection Data and Comparison

Month/Year	Permits	Inspections
August 2021	211	1,137
August 2020	115	918
Percentage of Change	+83.5%	+23.9%
Year 2021	1,479	7,877
Year 2020	1,353	7,174
Percentage of Change	+9.3%	+9.8%

Downtown Historic District Considered

The Littleton City Council is considering designating Downtown’s Main Street and Alamo Avenue as a historic district during a public hearing scheduled for October 26. This proposal is intended to preserve the rich history of Littleton so that as surrounding areas grow and develop, downtown continues to thrive as a gathering place in the community.

This exciting step for Littleton is critical in creating a successful environment for business owners and a vibrant space for multi-generational patrons for years to come.

A historic district is an opportunity to honor the rich history of Littleton by protecting and promoting historic architecture and distinctive buildings. People gather in places where they find a real sense of belonging. They gather to experience the joy of inspiring design, to support small and local businesses, and to feel a part of a community they love.



Grease and Oil Take Back

On Saturday, November 27, South Platte Renew (SPR) is hosting its 5th Annual Grease and Oil Takeback from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. where citizens can bring used grease and oil and dispose of it in a safe, easy, and free manner. In addition to cooking grease and oil, SPR is accepting used automotive grease and oil.

The event is held after Thanksgiving to encourage community members to bring their leftover grease and oil from their holiday meals for proper disposal. Holiday cooking can leave gallons of unwanted grease and oil that shouldn’t be poured down drains or pipes. Used cooking oil can congeal, resulting in clogs and blockages in homes and in the collection system. Automotive oil in drains can also cause dangerous conditions in the collection system.



Residents within the water recovery facility’s service area, which includes the cities of Englewood and Littleton, are invited to drop off up to 10 gallons of used oil and grease per household for free.

Cooking oil and automotive oil must be separated into different containers and be free of contaminants such as fuels, solvents, or water. Cooking oil should be liquid and free of food debris. The facility will not accept oil filters, anti freeze, or oil from commercial businesses.

For more information contact South Platte Renew at 303-762-2600 or e-mail sprcommunications@englewoodco.gov. South Platte Renew is located at 2900 South Platte River Drive, Englewood, 80110.

Planning for the Future of Santa Fe Drive Between C-470 and I-25

The City of Littleton, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and several other municipalities continue working on the Santa Fe Drive Action Plan, a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study along Santa Fe Drive between C-470 and the junction of Alameda Drive and I-25. This will examine options to address overall congestion on Santa Fe Drive that will aim to serve existing and future needs; and make recommendations to improve safety, traffic operations, travel time, and multi-modal person-trip capacity.

A self-guided online event was held at the beginning of this year to introduce the Santa Fe Drive Action Plan and to solicit public feedback. A second online event was held from July 19 through August 9 to recap activities and introduce potential improvements. For more information about the project or to join the distribution list, visit the project website www.codot.gov/projects/santafepel.



Fall/Winter 2021

LITTLETON MUSEUM EVENTS



October 2

CRAFT FAIR

October 7

OWN AN ORIGINAL CALL FOR ART CLOS

October 9

HARVEST FESTIVAL

10 am - 3 pm

October 11

COLORADO EXHIBIT SURVEY CLOS

October 16

PRINT RENAISSANCE CLOS

November 5

SECRET LIFE OF CLOTHES

EXHIBIT OPENS

November 6

SECRET LIFE OF CLOTHES OPEN HOUSE

2 - 5 pm

November 11

SECRET LIFE OF CLOTHES & OWN AN ORIGINAL COMBINED OPENING RECEPTIONS

5:30 - 7 pm

November 12

OWN AN ORIGINAL EXHIBIT OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

December 12

HOLIDAY'S EVENING

5:30 - 8 PM



www.littletongov.org/museum



Register for The Stride to Support Littleton Public Schools

Join the Littleton Public Schools Foundation in-person or virtually for this year's Stride on Sunday, October 24. The in-person event includes a 5K, 10K, Fun Run and Wellness Expo that is great for the whole family. The race starts at the Littleton Museum, located at 6028 South Gallup Street, and continues throughout the city. The virtual event can take place anywhere one can run, jump, swim or move. Register online for virtual and in-person attendance at runthestrider.com.

VETERANS DAY

On Monday, November 11 at 11 a.m. come and honor all who served at the City of Littleton WWII Memorial in Ketring Park at 6028 South Gallup Street. Littleton Mayor Jerry Valdes will speak.



Candlelight Walk

Friday, November 26, 5:30 p.m.
Downtown Littleton

Littleton **ROCKS**.com



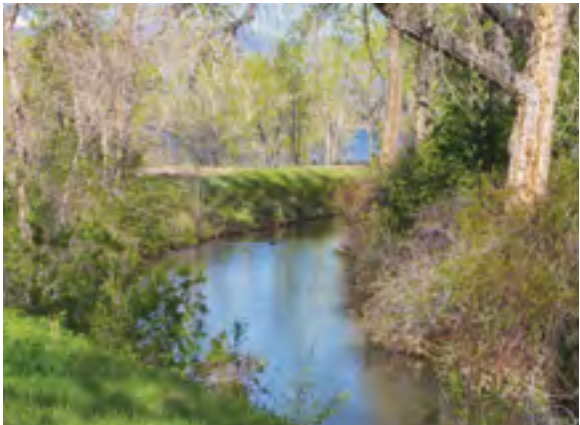
Improvements Coming Along the High Line Canal

The one-mile stretch of the High Line Canal trail adjacent to Horseshoe Park will soon be enhanced with new trees, a new pedestrian bridge, a trailhead, and signage. These improvements are made possible through a partnership between the City of Littleton, the High Line Canal Conservancy, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, and Arapahoe County Open Spaces.

The canal, originally built in 1883 as a means of delivering irrigation water from the foothills to the plains, has evolved into a treasured ecological and recreational resource that winds through the Denver metro area. As guided by the Plan for the High Line Canal, new improvements to the trail will improve access, enhance the canal's ecological health, and improve users enjoyment of the trail.

The improvements, to be implemented in 2021 and 2022, include:

- Landscape enhancement including 50 new trees
- Amenities such as pause places, a nature play area, or dispersed natural elements
- Interpretive signage
- Pedestrian bridge replacement at Elati Street
- Dry Creek Court trailhead



Update on Improvements at Reynolds Landing Park

The City of Littleton, in partnership with South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Mile High Flood District, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Arapahoe County, and the South Platte Working Group, are working to significantly improve the reach of the South Platte River and park spaces at Reynolds Landing Park.

These partners have been planning and constructing improvements at Reynolds Landing since the mid 2000s. Phase 1 was constructed in 2009 which included a new parking lot, trail connection with the Mary Carter Greenway, and picnic shelter. In 2016, Phase 2 was completed with a parking lot expansion, restroom, playground, new trails, and connections to Breckenridge Brewery. Initial master planning for Phase 3 was completed in 2015. Since then, the City of Littleton has taken possession of the old home site (Superchi Property) and, through recent outreach, the public and stakeholders have expressed a desire to consider additional amenities that were not part of the 2015 master plan.

The partners have been gathering public input and ideas for future improvements to both the river and upland areas of the park. Visit reynoldslandingvision.com to learn more about this important project.

Leaf Recycling Returns

The cities of Littleton, Englewood and Columbine Valley are continuing their annual leaf-recycling program on Saturdays, November 6 and 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the previous 28 years of the program, over 40,000 cubic yards of leaves have been recycled. There is no residency requirement for the free leaf drop-off. Bring leaves in bags, trash cans, or tarped loads. Residents with tree branches, shrubs, or mixed loads of organic recyclables, as well as lawn service companies or other commercial ventures, will be charged \$12 per cubic yard. The recycling location is at A1 Organics Mountain States, 2300 West Radcliffe Avenue in Sheridan. Vouchers for reduced-price landscape products will be provided. For more information call 303-795-3766.



Enchanted Forest Returns to South Platte Park

Fall is here, and Littleton's forests have been enchanted once again. Take part in the annual Enchanted Forest event October 16 to experience South Platte Park like never before. Enjoy nature and wildlife along with the charm of fairies, Celtic music, performers, live birds of prey and so much more. Learn more about the event and register online on the events page at ssprd.org.

Park Improvements Underway

Berry Park Improvements

Construction on the playground, shade pavilion, and trail replacement began in late summer and are expected to be completed by November.

Writers Vista Park and Southbridge Park

The design stages are complete and the contracts will be awarded at the October South Suburban Board meeting. Construction will begin in spring 2022.

David A. Lorenz Regional Park

Excavation has begun on improvements to the park and will be ongoing. The project includes three lighted, synthetic turf multi-purpose sports fields. Future enhancements include a new dog park, pickle ball courts, and trails.



BEYOND BOOKS... WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEMIS LIBRARY?

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | Web Catalog: bemis.marmot.org



Recreate favorite scenes from movies or books

and enter short videos for a chance to win fabulous prizes in this all-ages community film festival. Information and contest rules can be found at the Bemis home page at bemis.marmot.org.

- **October 23: Submissions Due**
- **October 30: YouTube Premiere**
- **November 5: In-Person Screening & Prizes 5:30–7 p.m. Bemis Large Meeting Room**

**Bemis Technology Fair
November 13**



Experience all the technology the library has to offer. Beyond computers and copiers, the library has the technology to help in learning about electronics, robotics, media and more.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Books and Blankets at Bemis—Every Wed. in Oct. 9:30 a.m. and Thurs. at 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.*

Families with kids of all ages can bring a blanket and enjoy 30 minutes of stories and songs outdoors on the lawn at the library. Story time will be held unless it's below 45° or in case of high winds or rain.

Drop-In Discovery Art—October 16, 1–3 p.m.

Drop in, explore different art materials and techniques, and create an original piece of art. The library will provide supplies and inspiration. For families with children of all ages.



Obvious Parenting Class

October 21, 10:15–11:15 a.m.*

Ben Jessen, pediatric physician assistant and author of *Obvious Parenting: Seven Simple Keys to Supporting Wellness*, will be at Bemis to share his knowledge and answer questions about wellness and child development.

Attendees will receive a free copy of his book. An indoor story time and craft will be presented concurrently by Children's Librarians for kids ages three and up. Caregivers may bring non-walking infants to the presentation, but are asked to make other arrangements for walkers under the age of three. Attend in person or connect from home through Zoom. Meeting ID: 987 2065 5377, Passcode: 041887.

Play-Ground Theatre Presents A Spooktacular Halloween Acting Workshop—Oct. 23, 1–2 p.m.

Join Professor Big Brain in this interactive workshop designed to increase imagination skills and self confidence while introducing children to beginning acting. Dramatic play activities will include acting games, warm-ups, singing, music, and movement. For ages three and older.



Annual Halloween Costume Parade

October 28 and 29, 1 p.m.*

Join outside either day, weather permitting, for Halloween fun at the Bemis Story Time Costume Parade for kids of all ages. Show off Halloween outfits, hear stories, and collect treats along the path. Register beginning Oct. 14.

Warm Up With a Good Book

Winter Reading Program: November 20–January 3*

Kids in 5th grade and younger can pick up a reading log in the library beginning Nov. 20, complete challenges and record reading time. Finishers will receive a free book to keep plus other surprises.

Scenes from *The Nutcracker*

November 20, 11–11:45 a.m.*

The Littleton Youth Ballet will present a free dance showcase featuring excerpts from *The Nutcracker*. For families with children ages three and older. Register beginning Nov. 6.

Cartooning for Kids—November 23, 11 a.m.–noon*

Learn to draw dinosaurs and all things Jurassic with cartoonist Rick Stromoski. For kids in grades 1–6. Register beginning Nov. 9.



TEEN PROGRAMS



Franken-Toys

October 6, 5–6:30 p.m.*

Stitch together old stuffed animals to make a uniquely freaky cuddly critter to keep.

Teen Advisory Group: Oct. 13 and Nov. 10, 5–6 p.m.

TAG is an opportunity to improve the library and earn community service credit. Snacks will be served. No registration required.

Tweensday: For Kids in 5th–12th Grades*

- **Ultimate Werewolf—October 20, 5–6:30 p.m.***
Protect the village in this all-out game of deception. Snacks will be served.
- **Beaded Bounty—November 17, 5–6:30 p.m.***
Create colorful and awesome perler bead designs.

Dungeons & Dragons: Oct. 27 and Nov. 24, 5–7 p.m.*

Teen Zine—November 3, 5–6:30 p.m.*

Learn more about these awesome DIY creations and craft a unique and artistic example.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Mundo Místico

- **October 1, 9:30 a.m.—Equatorial Guinea***
- **November 5, 9:30 a.m.—Guatemala***

Learn about Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries. Each month, explore one of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as the official language. Hybrid in-person/virtual: attend at Bemis or via Zoom.

The Dangers of Censorship: Banned Books Week Wrap-Up—October 2, 2 p.m.

Libraries stand against censorship and promote the right to read. But some books can be hard to defend. This interactive discussion wraps up a week of focusing on books that have been challenged and invites participants to think about difficult books and the value they still have for readers.

Board Games @ Bemis

October 8 and November 12, 5–7 p.m.

Drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks will be served. Open to all ages.

**Ray Miller: The Journey of a Closeted Pastor
October 12, 2 p.m.**

Ray Miller lived with the possibility of disaster for 79 years. If he had been publicly outed as a gay man, his ordination in the United Methodist Church would have been revoked, his marriage ended, and his family devastated. Despite all that, his story has hope and humor. Join this local author to hear about his journey as a Christian gay man before gay rights were recognized or protected.

**A Musical Journey to Japan
October 14, 2 p.m.**

Classically trained musician Yoko Hiraoka will perform on the koto (Japanese 13-stringed zither) and sing beautiful melodies of Japan while sharing poems, images, and stories with each song in this introduction to Japanese culture and history.



Active Minds

- **Oct. 18, 2 p.m. Native Americans of Colorado**
Learn about Colorado's Native American history and legacy through civilizations of the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Pueblo and other tribes.
- **Nov. 15, 2 p.m. Spices**
Explore the rise of spices from colonialism and the spice trade to the hundreds of varieties stocked in supermarkets today.

Plexiglass Layer Cake Craft Program

October 23, 2–3:30 p.m.*

Participants will use multiple copies of an image and several sheets of plexiglass to create interesting new perspectives, add collaged details and transform a two-dimensional image into 3D art.

Halloween Dance Party—October 27, 2 p.m.*

Dance to Halloween tunes like *Thriller*, *Monster Mash*, *Ghostbusters* and more. For ages eight and up. Costumes and accessories are allowed—if participants can dance in them.

Unwrap a Low Stress Holiday with Canvas Credit Union—November 2, 5:30 p.m.

Hear tips, tricks, resources and new ideas for beating holiday, financial, and emotional stress.

Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art—November 4, 2 p.m.*

Join BMOCA Educator Melinda Laz for a hands-on workshop about BMOCA's new exhibition, *Incredible Lightness*, and create a piece of art inspired by the show. Participants will be provided with art supplies to create their own project.

**Making A Mark Craft Program
November 20, 2–3:30 p.m.***

Stamps, stencils, silhouettes and more—the possibilities for printing are endless. Using simple printmaking techniques, create custom gift wrap, Christmas cards, or a lovely piece of art.

Speed Friending—November 23, 5:30 p.m.*

Bring back the art of conversation with this speed-friending event. Get a chance to meet new people, ask thought provoking questions, and strike up great conversations. Light refreshments will be provided. For ages 15 and up.

**Build a Gingerbread House
November 27, Two Sessions
10 a.m.–noon or 2–4 p.m.***

Create a gingerbread house and enter it for a chance to win \$25. Bemis will provide a base and basic supplies. Bring additional building materials as long as they are edible. Houses will be on display at Bemis through Dec. 23 for public voting. Open to all ages.



The Mob in Denver—November 30, 2 p.m.

Tom Hackett, speaker and Denver mob historian, will share stories about the heyday of Colorado's Bootleggers and Cosa Nostra.

***To register, participate, or join any of these programs go to the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at bemis.marmot.org.**



COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Aspen Grove Shopping Center Announces 2021/22 Dog-Friendly Mascot Winner

Aspen Grove tapped into the Colorado affinity for furry friends. The majority of stores at Aspen Grove identify as dog-friendly and welcome customers to shop alongside their canine companions, dine on patios, or simply stroll. Many stores offer treats at check out and water bowls at the doors to add to the experience. Aspen Grove still holds a record for the largest dog wedding and recently hosted its first “Mutt Market” – a party and market for dogs to enjoy with their families.

When visiting Aspen Grove, watch for the decals in store windows, featuring the winner of the annual Dog-Friendly mascot photo competition. In July, more than 130 dogs competed, more than 1,980 votes were tallied, and Leonard was the winner! Leonard is a local Bichon/Basset mix, rescued by his family and his mom says, “He is one smart boy who wins everyone’s heart.” He is the perfect ambassador to welcome shoppers. Leonard will appear on signage, social media and at events to promote Dog-Friendly shopping at Aspen Grove. Learn more at aspengrovecenter.com/dog-friendly-shopping/.



Back East Home

Back East Home is a new gift and lifestyle shop located in the Shops at Columbine Valley at 5950 South Platte Canyon Road. Owner Kristin Schweitzer has been in Littleton for over 20 years, but says that she is still a “back east” girl at heart. Back East Home is a small independent business featuring custom handmade bows, jewelry, gifts, and other unique and special items for the home. The shop offers beautiful décor and accessories that provide something for everyone. Stop by, visit backeasthome.shop, or call 720-216-1635 to support a local Littleton business.



Sukoon Littleton

There is a new fine dining Indian experience in Downtown Littleton. Located at 2700 West Bowles Avenue, Sukoon features fresh and tasty authentic Indian food. This new Littleton location is family owned and operated. “We may be in a new location, but we have been in the restaurant business for over a decade,” said the owners.

Sukoon is known for providing a peaceful, fine dining experience with wholesome, ethically raised ingredients. Stop in for dinner, or visit info@sukoonlittleton.com for more information.



Camp Missfits - Women's Fitness

Since COVID-19 restrictions began, Priscilla Freed, owner of Camp Missfits, has changed her business model 11 times. After the initial closure of her gym last March, she quickly transitioned to virtual training without interrupting her clients schedules. She purchased audio-visual equipment to provide high-quality live streaming of training and coaching programs. Priscilla continues to offer hybrid sessions and events, saying that her vision and mission has always been to “inspire positive change in women everywhere.” To schedule a free “test-drive” session, either virtually or in-studio, visit campmissfits.com or call or text 720-951-0101.



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